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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

G. Nagesh Rao

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
 2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
 3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
 4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.
- 1) Claims 1-2 and 4-10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Soeda (US Patent No. 4,356,214) in view of Shaffer (US PG Pub 2004/0149391).

Soeda 214 depicts an apparatus capable of filling a tire and wheel assembly with a mixture of reactants for reacting within a tire to create a foam-fill within said tire. As shown in figure 2 is a roller cart with a frame structure and a work

surface (2 and 2' rollers that are used in a work surface capacity) and a bore (7) that reads on as an outlet towards the wheel worked on in the apparatus.

Soeda 214 however fails to explicitly teach a mixer mounted to the cart, supply lines attached to the mixer, and a gas supply line attached to the mixer.

Shaffer 391 teaches an apparatus for making tires filled with flatproofing material. As depicted in Figure 9, there is an air purging system (301) that reads on gas supply line connected to mixer (101), which would anticipate as a static mixer, and supply lines (102a and 102b) attached to mixer (101) that leads to an outlet of the flatproofing materials.

It would be obvious to one skilled in the art to incorporate the supply lines and mixer teachings of Shaffer 391 into the apparatus depicted by Soeda 214, to offer a more comprehensive means of mixing reactant materials that allow for a more sophisticated flatproofing process as capably of being accomplished by integrating the technology with Soeda 214.

2) Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Soeda (US Patent No. 4,356,214) in view of Shaffer (US PG Pub 2004/0149391) in further view of Bass (U.S. Patent No. 5,962,779).

The hypothetical device of Soeda 214 and Shaffer 391 fails to teach a weight scale integrated into the frame of the apparatus for weighing a tire.

Bass 779 discloses various known art used in the method of weighing a tire including that of a weight scale.

Therefore claimed invention's workspace including a weight scale for weighing the tire would be obvious to one skilled in the art to ensure the weight of the tire has inflated properly with the foam resin material and reached its desire weight.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to G. Nagesh Rao whose telephone number is (571) 272-2946. The examiner can normally be reached on 9AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith can be reached on (571) 272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.



ROBERT DAVIS
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